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The administration has found that the full graduation exercises are unsuccessful when held with the small number of students who comprise the January graduating classes. This year, the January seniors number one hundred and seventy students, thirty five more than last year's class.

January graduates have been photographed for **Epilog,** the senior yearbook, along with June graduates. If the yearbooks are ordered, the early graduates will receive them at the same time as the rest of the class. There is, however, no separate section for January's senior celebrities this year.

The 1964 senior class grade advisors are Mr. Louis Ginsberg and Mr. Julius Kramer. They have had charge of this class since the students entered Midwood as sophomores.

The eighth term president is Beverly Blitz; Emily Gaffin is the vice-president; and Susan Edelson is secretary. In September the graduates voted for their class officers in the four senior homerooms.

The last regular mid-year graduation ceremony was held in 1962, largely by dint of the effort made by the class officers to have the traditional commencement. Last year, Dr. Jacob L. Bernstein, Midwood's principal, distributed diplomas to the class of January, 1963, in the auditorium.

Home Issues Note of Thanks To Welfare Club

By RONNIE KRASNE

A Korean orphanage sent a note of thanks to Midwood's Welfare Commission this term for its contribution of Care packages.

Last term, the Welfare Commission began a collection through Care, for a school in Guatemala. The drive was so successful that there was an abundance of money. Care used the extra money to send 53 Care packages to a Korean orphanage. A passage from the letter read as follows:

"Need has always been great for us, and it was under such an extremely difficult circumstance we received the 53 basic food packages from you through Care. To us your good help was like discovering an oasis in a desert, and the children feel that you are a protector of their young lives and that you are their real family. Our little children, being far different from those living with their own parents, when they once received so wonderful love, help and prayers as you have given them, they always cannot but thank you until their last breath and love you and think of you as their last family."

This is just one example illustrating the success of the Welfare Commission. Other collections this year were: A clothing drive, a collection for the League School for seriously retarded children and a Christmas party at the Williamsburg Settlement.

Midwood's "Choose a Nickname Contest" has now ended. The **Argus** has a winner.

Elihu Savad's "Blue Jays" won by a landslide after weeks of balloting. As the winner of the nickname contest, the Midwood senior will receive a book.

The contest originated when the **Argus** staff realized that Midwood was missing a nickname, and decided to do something about it.

Bruce Davis Elected Mayor

By SHELLY BRAFF

The student body of Midwood High School elected Bruce Davis mayor for the spring term, 1964. Bonnie Scherer and Linda Familant won the positions of comptroller and executive secretary, respectively. Candy Falk succeeded in securing the post of Kensington coordinator for a second term.

New Major City Officers: (Left to right) Linda Familant, Candy Falk, Bonnie Scherer, Bruce Davis

Campaigning for all major city offices started December 9, and reached its climax with the election assemblies held December 11 and 12. Voting for City of Midwood officials, as well as term officers, took place in the cafeteria, December 17.

The other two candidates for the post of mayor were Natalie Posner and Danny Weiss. Michael Kuba and Richard Liroff opposed Bonnie for the position of comptroller, and Eleanor Glassman and Andrea Statnikoff ran against Linda for executive secretary. Candy Falk, who served as Kensington coordinator during the fall term, ran unopposed.

In addition to casting ballots for officers on election day, students voted "yes or no" on a proposed constitutional amendment. This provided for the election of eighth term officers in the fall term, rather than in the spring term as is practice now. A "sizeable majority" passed the amendment. It was hoped that this amendment could be put into effect this term; however, a shortage of time makes it impossible.

The first, third, and fifth termers also elected next term's class officers on this day.

At Kensington, Bonnie Brandeis will serve as the second term president. Geraldine Page is the new vice-president of this class. All candidates for second term offices presented their platforms at a special election assembly held at the Annex December 12.

Maxine Finkelstein and Sally Antman are the new president and vice-president, respectively, of the fourth term. Joel Sklar opposed Maxine, and Steve Strauss competed against Sally. All candidates made campaign speeches over the public address system during the homeroom periods. They also visited all sophomore homerooms to introduce themselves.

Ed Cortez won the position of sixth term president, defeating Susan Schwartz. Stephanie Sacks will succeed to the vice-presidency of this term. Elaine Fischer and Rovena Shreck were the two candidates who opposed her. The election commission recounted the ballots for this election when they found the tallies to be very close. After the first recount, a small discrepancy in totals was still present in the election for president. The juniors therefore voted a second time in their homerooms, January 8.

Seniors Adopt Indian Child; Midwood Students Contribute

By MARILYN SHER

Since 1957, every senior class in Midwood has undertaken the project of adopting and supporting a needy child. For the past three years, this child has been Allan Tsinigine, a twelve year old American Indian who lives on a reservation in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The senior class of 1961 adopted Allan through the "Save the Children's Federation." He is supported by contributions from Midwood pupils. The money he receives goes towards buying supplementary food and clothing for him. When the senior class representatives are able, they buy Allan a small gift from the money collected.

The student who began this project was Sunny Brown, class of 1957. She wrote to the "Save the Children's Federation," and received the name of a little girl whom the class of 1957 adopted. In 1961 Lois Snitkoff, a Midwood senior, got Allan's name from the Federation. Now Merry Runsdoff, seventh term president, is in charge of the project.

ANNUAL SING FEB. 21-23; CLASSES VIE FOR TITLE

By ROVENA SHRECK

Midwood High School's four classes will present their 17th annual Sing, February 21, 22, and 23.

This annual performance entails school participation and gives talented students a chance to show what they can do in front of an audience. Sing involves many people and all have a part in trying to make their Sing the winning one.

The theme of this year's freshman Sing will be a loose adaption of, "Penguin Island" by Anatole France. This is a story of a near-sighted Peace Corps member who is assigned to an island inhabited by one-celled animals. Michael Kuba is the freshman Sing commissioner. The chairman and the co-chairman are Wendy Berloe and Miriam Beeber.

The theme of the sophomore's, is a psychiatric session in which the audience observes the interviews and many medical tests given to the patients. The sophomore Sing commissioner is Rochelle Roth. The chairman and co-chairman are Harriet Hersh and Elinor Bartel.

The juniors are planning a production entitled "Toys." They will show how a child's imagination can transform a rag doll into a princess doll. Today there are princess dolls, and they detract from this pleasure. Richard Wellikoff is commisssioner. The junior chairman and co-chairman respectively are Rachel Lampert and David Soshuk.

The senior class is planning a show entitled "Masks." They intend to show how people go through life with a masked personality and very rarely reveal their true face. The senior commissioner is Callie Touger. The respective chairman and co-chairman are Amy Seigel and Joan Mattingley.

BRAFF NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

By LINDA SCHOTT

The staff of the Midwood **Argus,** elected Shelly Braff as its new editor-in-chief, January 8, 1964. Shelly succeeds Harvey Alper, current editor. In addition, new associate editors will assume their positions in February.

Replacing Shelly and Phyllis Taub, the former news editors, are Anne Hyman and Stuart Susnick; they are presently the associate news editors. The newly elected associate editors for the news staff are Ronnie Krasne and Rovena Shreck.

The new editor of the feature staff will be Elaine Schecter, who presently holds the position of associate. Elaine replaces Olivia Hibel and Harriet Molberger. Connie Robbins and Cathy Wolfert will assume the position of associate feature editors.

Jeffrey Soffer, former associate sports editor, succeeds Louis Morris as editor of that staff and Howard Cohen will become associate editor.

Shelly Braff, new Editor-in-Chief

The **Argus** staff is replenished each term by students from the journalism class. This is an honors English class, instructed by Miss Marion Mulhern, who is also the faculty advisor of the **Argus.** Miss Mulhern selects the staff on the basis of their ability and interest in writing.

The new participants in this extra-curricular activity will be: Anne Abraham, Robert Himmelstein, Steven Shapiro, Leslie Silverberg and Peter Zucker, who will join the news staff. The feature staff will include Mark Bernstein, Anne Farber, Cheryl Larrier, and Laurie Salen. Joining the sports staff will be Steven Kussin, Mark Lieberman, and James Novick.

Three members of the **Argus** are graduating in January: Helene Monheit, a feature writer, Linda Schott, a news reporter and Phyllis Taub, the current news editor.

Freshmen Gain G.O. Store; Dobren Returns To Annex

By STUART SUSNICK

Midwood's Kensington Annex welcomes the addition of a permanent G. O. store this term. In addition, Mr. Dobren, Administrative Assistant in charge of Kensington, has returned after an illness.

The G. O. Store, organized this term by two Kensington parents, is open twice a week during the lunch period. The Kensington coordinator had previously been in charge of the store. Now Kensington is in charge of its own book store. Mr. Dobren states that this activity is, "very gratifying for the lift it gives in school spirit."

Mr. Dobren, ill since last October, has returned to the Annex. He declared that the entire Kensington faculty, Dean Kussin in particular, had been "wonderful during his absence."

Kensingtonites have taken many trips this year. Approximately 100 students traveled to Princeton University in November. There they viewed the play, **School for Scandal.** After the performance, they were led on a tour of Princeton. May 15, another group from Kensington will journey to Stratford Connecticut's American Shakespeare Festival. There they will view Shakespeare's **Much Ado About Nothing.** A group numbering approximately 100 frosh went to Carnegie Hall January 10 to hear a teenage concert sponsored by the Samuel Rubin Foundation. Leopold Stokowski led the American Symphony orchestra in this performance.

Many school activities are thriving at Kensington this term. **Kenwood,** the Annex's newspaper, came out with its second edition of the school year January 8. The Kensington Dramatics Club is presently at work on its program for next term. The French Club and the Spanish Club are currently holding meetings at which they try to speak the languages as much as possible. The Kensington Choraliers performed at the Christmas Assembly held at the Annex. In addition, they are slated to appear in the Annual Spring Concert, to be held at main building in May. The Choraliers, consisting of about 100 Kensingtonites, sit together during assembly programs at the Annex, and provide vocal accompaniment for the program. Midwood's frosh are now organizing their Sing; meetings are taking place in Kensington's auditorium.

City Roundup

On January 9, 1964, the Midwood Social Studies Forum discussed the controversial issue of "Should students be bussed to other schools? Is this equality?" The Forum then discussed the student boycott of New York schools which is planned for February 3 .The City-Wide Commission on Integration headed by Reverend Milton Galamison of Brooklyn, is sponsoring this boycott. It consists of C.O.R.E., the N.A.A.C.P., and the Harlem Parents Workshop. The Commission claims that, "the Board of Education has not followed through on its promise to draw up a timetable for the full integration of the city schools," and "that there is racial imbalance in our schools."

The City-Wide Commission on Integration urges all students to boycott New York City elementary and secondary schools on February 3.

The Midwood High School Dramatics Workshop presented two scenes in the school auditorium, January 8. Mrs. B. Sierles, a member of Midwood's English Department, served as director of the group.

The first scene presented was from Carson McCullers' Pulitzer Prize winning play, "A Member of the Wedding." This scene, in which Frankie, the heroine, comes to a "self-realization," starred Sandra Lieberman as Frankie, and Carla Overberger as Bernice, the cook. Eileen Weinberg provided the vocal accompaniment, singing, "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," while Danny Weiss played the guitar.

The second scene presented by the Workshop was, "The Tell-Tale Heart," by Edgar Allan Poe. Rubin Kaplan played the part of an individual who is about to be guillotined for the murder of an old man. Phil Silverman provided the background heartbeat by means of the timpani (kettle drums).

The College Commission, in conjunction with the college advisors, held a conference for juniors and their parents on Wednesday night, January 22, in the Midwood High School auditorium. Diane Someth and Carolyn Gluck presided over the meeting. They discussed early decision (where students may apply to the college of their choice in their junior year and receive notice from the school early in their senior year), March and May Boards, Achievement Tests, and other matters of importance.

College representatives from Knox College, Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Academy of Aeronautics held college conferences for students during January.

The sophomore class sponsored a Midwood Roller Skating Party Friday evening, January 10 at the Park Circle Roller Skating Rink.

The party's great success last year suggested the repeat of the event. This year, as last, the activity was originally scheduled as a joint Freshman, Sophomore Party. However, the fourth term president and vice-president, Seth Mankes and Maxine Finkelstein, respectively, thought that the evening would be more enjoyable if members of all four classes participated in the fun. A heavy turnout fulfilled their expectations. Many of the students found themselves winners of prizes during the evening.

The English Department is scheduling a special X-6 English class for the coming spring term. This class is designed to help the increasing number of foreign students in Midwood overcome the language barrier.

Red, green and yellow lollipops are money-makers for the Peace Corps. Barbara Miller, Peace Corps commissioner proposed the "Lick poverty as you lick lollipops" drive. Commission members sold the lollipops at three for a dime.

Forum Discusses Boycott

We Regret...

The staff of the **Midwood Argus** regets to note the following losses:

Mrs. Gerber, a member of Midwood's girls' health education department lost her mother, Mrs. Goldie Schnee.

Mr. Irving Gordon, a social studies teacher, recently lost his father.

The **Argus** has been informed of the death of Leslie Kessler, a member of the class of 1960. Mr. Kessler was serving in Korea as a private first class at the time of his death. His sister Cindy is now a senior at Midwood.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

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EDITORIAL . . . . .

Democracy is the finest form of government man has ever known. The flame that lights the world in its darkest hours, democracy is the bulwark of this nation because it is from democracy that we derive our national strength. Democracy is, in point of fact, the fruit of human struggle.

Here at Midwood the noble system that is democracy has been profaned. We have allowed a person to run unopposed for a major City of Midwood office, that of Kensington Coordinator.

When Candy Falk was victorious in her lone race for the post of Kensington Coordinator, democracy was defeated. In a nation with its heritage in the democratic process this action is reprehensible. A school of nearly 4,000 persons cannot excuse itself when this type of quasi-election occurs. We are not attacking Candy Falk. We are attacking a system of school government which allowed this to happen.

Well meaning people have been complacent. Their motivations are not being questioned; rather, their actions are being censured. It is no manifestation of democracy when something like this happens.

Elections such as this are inexcusable because at best they only imitate democracy. Benjamin Franklin said that "A little neglect may breed mischief: for want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost." For want of a candidate democracy was in this instance lost. We are the losers.

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Automation poses a threat to our future. In a few years, only the educated will be able to find good jobs. Those people who have never attained a high level of learning will find the doors to worldly success closed.

The high school student has a decision to make about automation and his relation to it. Will he work hard to achieve high marks, or won't he? This decision is pivotal.

Those people who work hard are virtually assured that they will find jobs. Students, who go on to college study, have even better chances. It is the student who strives for little, who will find little, in the world of business.

This information is neither new or shocking. We hope it will be thought provoking.

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The newspaper you are reading is a new **Argus.** To live within a budget, we have been forced to reduce our size. It is our hope that you like this new five column, four page format. *HARVEY ALPER*

New Perry Film: The Child's Plea To Ban the Bomb

The signal has sounded: Nuclear attack within the hour. Should we believe it or not? Where shall we hide? These are the very disturbing questions posed to young elementary school children of a rural American community, in Frank Perry's new motion picture "Ladybug, Ladybug."

These young children are divided into groups and sent home from school. The film follows the actions of one group from the time it leaves school until the time the attack is scheduled. We see how panic sets in as the children, who are under the impression that they are participating in a drill, begin to realize that the threat is real. "I don't want to burn; I don't want to burn!" screams one little girl in a great emotional plea.

The need for self-preservation, even at this young age, becomes apparent. With it comes overpowering fear and suspicion which eventually lead to disaster. "A picture dedicated to life" the playbill reads. This motion picture appeals to the adults of the world through young children who implore them to listen, for they too can feel the effects of war.

The theme has great impact on the audience. The film's main flaw is its very abrupt ending, cutting the picture too short. See it, however, by all means.

CATHY WOLFERT

Midwoods . . .

Olivia Hibel

A munching Midwoodite meanders past the pulsating offices of the first floor. His aim is to obtain more to munch on; his destination? Well . . .

Situated within the respect-demanding solitude of the lobby of Midwood High School, modestly made from brown wood, dwells a poor-looking, calorie-rich stand, commonly known as "the candy counter."

Supplying the Midwood student with more than sufficient reserves of energy, and supplying the Parents' Teachers' Association with less than sufficient funds for its scholarship drive, the counter stands, and counts, and watches.

It counts with loneliness and impatience the periods that go by until the time when students begin to leave the building, the time when it is to be opened. It watches with pain as the occasional morning visitor who enters the school looks upon the brown counter with inquisitiveness or mere apathy. It watches curiously, the groups of fresh-eyed students who burst into the school, and with sympathy, the late students who nervously trot through the lobby.

And when the tenth period bell rings summoning weary pupils to leave their classes and head for home, it still watches; it watches the Midwood student.

Suffocating within a swollen swarm of students, the counter is the center of shoving candy-lovers, who, the mental toil of the day completed, the overworked mind free, now forget dentists' warnings and extra pounds in an attempt to satisfy their sweet teeth. One munching Midwoodite drowns the memory of the previous test-failure in an ocean of raisinettes.

Earlier shouts of "Meet me at the candy counter!" are confirmed.

Amid the cracking of potato chips and zippering of ski jackets, the greetings and exclamations, the candy counter, its multicolored shapes of sweetness distracting from its plainness, stands watching—watching the youth of Midwood, the moods of Midwood.

PRINTING WEEK FOR BEN!

If anyone happened to be around City Hall on Monday, January 13, he would have wondered what was going on. The noon-day ceremonies might have caused him to stop and observe with curiosity. Thoughts may have entered his mind, such as, "Is today some special day?"

Yes, that day was special. As a way of commemorating Benjamin Franklin's birth, the printers of the metropolitan area have honored him with their Franklin Anniversary Ceremonies at City Hall and have laid wreaths at his statue in the adjacent Printing House Square. In addition, the week of January 12 was set aside as Printing Week in New York.

Because it is the second largest manufacturing industry in the New York area, the printing industry has joined with its consumers and friends in reviewing its recent progress and its responsibilities of the future. The events of Printing Week enabled one to observe the new products of the printer's trade at several exhibitions and workshops.

Relating to the printing generated by he New York World's Fair, the two workshops were designed to aid advertisers and production men by discussing graphic standards in connection with the World's Fair printed material.

Thus Benjamin Franklin—statesman, patriot, inventor, author, and printer—was honored for one week by his admirers, but immortalized forever by his deeds.

ROSEMARY GRASSI

SPOTLIGHT

If extreme modesty and powerhouse ability determine the all-around student, Margaret Rossoff undoubtedly fills the bill.

Margaret, who is the editor-in-chief of **Patterns,** had interest in writing before she came to Midwood. She plans to eventually become a writer, although "my ambition varies with my mood." Margaret describes her work on **Patterns** as being "rewarding and exciting."

Not only do Margaret's goals vary, but her academic interests do as well. Last summer, at Mount Hermon Prep School, she took a psychology course which turned out to be "a study of rats and pigeons." Presently, she is taking calculus, European History, and Advanced Placement English. Margaret hopes to attend Radcliffe.

Margaret Rossoff is an active member of the Student Peace Union, believing firmly in civil rights and peace. She spends her Saturdays at the Folk Dance House in the Village, "memorizing folk dance patterns."

Her past activities include being a member of the Math team, participating in Sophomore and Freshman Sings and working on the Constitutional Revision Committee. At present she is a member of the Senior Sing Lyric Committee, and the Bridge Club which, "consists of just enough members to make up one table." Although she is an "on-the-go" girl and bears the responsibility of being **Patterns** Editor, Margaret manages to maintain a ninety-six per cent average and shyly admits, "I'm about fourth in my class."

BERNICE GREEN

Meet Your Teacher

With a twinkle in her eye and a tilt of the head, Mrs. Altholz shyly regarded her interviewer, who vigorously struggled to "get all the facts." "What you need," Mrs. Altholz observed musingly, "is a good course in stenography."

Having almost fifty years of teaching under her belt, Mrs. Altholz maintains a modest shyness and subtle sense of humor. She is the head of the secretarial studies department and a teacher of stenography.

Majoring in Latin at Hunter College, Mrs. Altholz graduated Phi Beta Kappa and valedictorian of her class. She taught elementary school for a while, and worked temporarily as an assistant on the Board of Examiners.

Once she got her master of arts degree at Columbia, Mrs. Altholz was assigned to teach at New Utrecht, which was an all boys' high school at the time. Said Mrs. Altholz laughingly, "I had attended an all girls' elementary school, an all girls' high school, and an all girls' college. I wasn't quite prepared to teach all boys, and I had to overcome a great shyness."

Although Latin was her major in college, Mrs. Altholz became a stenography teacher. "Latin wasn't being taught in the high schools at that time, and stenography teachers were in great demand," says Mrs. Altholz. "Many people are surprised that I switched from Latin to stenography. I don't see why."

"I used to travel abroad almost every summer," reminisces Mrs. Altholz. She has been to almost every country of interest, "except Russia, where I have no desire to go." Reading is a favorite hobby of hers, "as it is with most teachers."

Mrs. Altholz is planning to take a leave of absence shortly, and intends to "follow the sun" to Florida and then venture on a sea voyage to the Caribbean Islands.

When asked if she had any regrets in life, Mrs. Altholz answered without hesitation, "If I had my life to live over, I would probably do the same things." *CONNIE ROBBINS*

Scores Will Soar For Success

They call themselves Bill Josephs, Nancy Mann, Ronald Cabot, and Ellen Sharf, but they really are Players A, B, C and D, and they are all in the same game. It is true that their goals are probably different, but the rules never change, and every player can be a winner.

There isn't any designated place on the board which reads "Go!" It is just at one point, on any colored square, when Player B realizes that A, C and D have a twenty point lead on her, and she had better start working to catch up. Once she begins advancing, there is no time for turning around or quitting. However, the game is often very pleasant, and the players sometimes receive points just for laughing.

There isn't any wheel which reads "Advance four boxes." Everything that is accomplished is due to the players' own initiative. The key towards reaching home is enthusiasm. If Player A really wants to receive good grades, and really wants to be happy, there is no limit to the bonus he might receive. When Player C decides upon his goal, nine points would be an adequate gain, but once he starts striving towards it, his score will mount boundlessly.

The strategy of this game of life is really quite simple. The rewards are innumerable and are determined by the effort and devotion invested. Those who don't care are the only losers.

HELENE MONHEIT

Bowling Team Ends Season; Harmon Named Top Kegler

The Middie Keglers, under the supervision of Mr. Delaney, wound up this year's season with a 7-5 slate. The starting team consists of Dave Wienstein, Barry Bronston, Jeff Harmon, and Steve Dansky, with subs, Ken Ballon and John Friscia.

In the first two matches of the season, Midwood was defeated by Tilden and Eastern District High Schools. Clashing with Wingate, the Middies were finally victorious. In the following two contests, the Keglers were really in top shape, overpowering Erasmus and Alexander Hamilton Highs. In the last match of the first series, the Bowlers were overpowered by the strong Madison team. After these first six matches Midwood had an even 3-3 record. As the second series got underway the Keglers again went up against Tilden and Eastern District, but this time upended these two schools who previously had defeated them. The next match Midwood itself experienced a big upset, and bowed to Wingate, who on the last time around the Middies had shut-out. The following three matches saw Midwood beat Erasmus once again, being upset by Alexander Hamilton, and edging Madison, who by this time was the city champs.

Harmon ended the season with an impressive 182 average, being followed by Bronston with a 176, Dansky with 175 and finally Weinstein, with a very fine 174.

Many setbacks have hindered the Keglers from going to the top of the division. For one thing, Richard Kampp, who last year, as a Junior, was the second best bowler in the city, was unable to return. Steve Dansky was unable to bowl for most of the season.

Track Season Set For Gun

By JEFF SOFFER

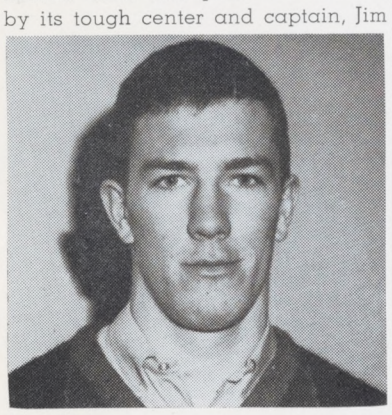
This year's Indoor Track Team, headed by coach Bill Eisenberg, is just about getting underway. The Captains of the team are Billy Goodheart, Phil Zeitner, and Joel Cohen. John Fargnoli, Harvey Firestone, Marshal Kalter, Bruce Levine, Steve Paige, John Petritch, and Fred Spar are among the veterans of the team, and they all are open runners in addition. Open runners are trackmen who have thus far won medals. The indoor track team does not have matches with individual schools, but there are a series of metropolitan meets where many schools compete at once. The meets for this season includes: Cardinal Hayes, St. Francis, NYU, Mayor, and the PSAL championship.

The team is relatively young, but have a few good prospects for the coming season.

Sportlight

By LOUIS MORRIS

The success of the Midwood basketball team this year will be told by its tough center and captain, Jim



Jim O'Brian

O'Brian. Only 6'4", Jim is fast and agile enough to stuff a driving lay-up, but strong and determined enough to fight for position under the boards with opposing centers who, on the average, have at least two inches and twenty pounds on him.

His fame is his shot. Jim is the PSAL's best inside shooter and its second leading scorer. When Jim shoots, the ball hits the backboard first. He'll swish when he has to, but when the position is right, he'll go up high, wrist hard, and angle the ball through the hoop. You can't call Jim's touch soft, but it is deadly.

Jim was a sophomore sensation on the team that went to the Garden. He made honorable mention in several papers in '62. Jim slackened off a bit last year, but this season, he's back burning up the hardwood. Jim says that he owes his renewed scoring punch to Midwood's style of play. "We try to get the ball to the big man up front." Thus Jim finds himself shooting and tallying more often.

Jim rates this squad on a par with any he has played on. "They are a great bunch of guys. They don't stop hustling until the final buzzer." With Coach Fried's stress on defense, Jim states that Marty and Bruce are aggressive ball-hawks as they have kept many an opposing team's high scorers cold. John and Chris have tremendous shots from the outside.

"I think you can use the Jefferson game as a measure of the team's ability. We used our speed to keep them off-balance and to score with the fast break. At the same time, we hit 64% of our shots." Though the record for the first few games was not too impressive, Jim feels that the team now has a spark and will continue to run up the number of victories.

With the top two teams from each division going to the Garden, Jim feels that Midwood still has an outside chance to make the playoffs. If the team continues to play as it has and with a few upsets, Midwood might again see its own team win a victory on the court in Madison Square Garden.

Jim has been offered scholarships to several colleges. He is deciding among Rhode Island, Maryland, or to follow the path of Tom Markey to Loyola of Chicago. Wherever he goes, look for the name of Jim O'Brian to headline a college roster.

HOOPSTERS UPSET JEFFERSON, BEAT HAMILTON; DEFEATED BY BOYS AND ERASMUS HALL FIVES

By SETH ABRAHAM

In one of the biggest upsets of the young PSAL season, the Midwood Cagers defeated the Jefferson five, 66-54. With a game marred by occasional outbreaks, Midwood outshot and outrebounded a bigger Orange and White squad.

In this game, the Middies shot with such field accuracy, that Jeff never was really within striking distance. From the pivot slot, Captain O'Brian had 24 points, with guard Chris Dowdell putting 19 tallies through the net. Bruce Starr and Johnny Mogulesque both played outstanding games at forward and guard respectively. In the opening minutes of play the Middies sank seven straight goals from the floor.

Cagers vie for ball

In a contest which was postponed because of the late President's death, Midwood ran over an inexperienced Fort Hamilton squad 70-35. With Chris and O'Brian leading the way with 26 and 18 tallies, the Middies continually pummeled the five from Hamilton. Bruce and Johnny along with Marty Winkelman continually outshot and outguarded the opposing cagers.

After a win over Sheepshead, Midwood played host to Wingate in the opener of the PSAL "suicide division." With Wingate controlling both boards, the Generals swept to an early 15 point lead. But then Midwood began to press, and came alive in the second half, with O'Brian sweeping the boards, and igniting the fast break, Midwood came back. The final was 65-62. Again O'Brian who led all scorers with 26.

Boys High was the next visitor to the Middie home court. The Kangeroos led by Larry Wilson, and LaVaugh Donovan jumped to an early 24-14 lead at the half. But again Midwood came back and erased the bulge. O'Brian rebounded strongly and shot even better as Midwood came back to within two points 40-38. The Kangeroos, however, are used to this "suicide craze" and froze the ball for the percentage shot. They eked out 49-41 victory. Pivot man O'Brian had 32 of the team's 41 points.

In a game against another suicide giant, Midwood traveled to the home of the Dutchman, at Erasmus. With a team that looks like the division champs, Erasmus outshot the Middies to an easy 72-56 win. With Frank Standard and Albie White holding hothanded O'Brian down, it was not hard for the Dutchman to win their third straight league game.

Previous to the Erasmus game, Midwood defeated Tech 60-49. The Engineers led the Middies by as much as 8 points throughout the first three quarters, but then the spark of life which seems to strike the Middies at the half, struck again. Midwood easily pulled out a league victory. Midwood now has a league record of 2-4 and an overall record of 4-5.

In the previous issue of this paper, this reporter stated that the Cagers, would run and then run some powers out of the division race. Jeff has fallen prey to the five, and as a result is all but eliminated from the race.

Kickoff

Seth Abraham

The Midwood Basketball team turned in a stunning upset over the "suicide" contender, Thomas Jefferson. Both schools were represented by their football squads, and occassional outbreaks interrupted the contest. However, Midwood went on to win, and make its league record 2-4. In the Jefferson game the Middies employed a full court zone press and quick fast break neither of which could the Orange stop.

Even if Midwood is not leading the division it has a leading scorer. Jimmy O'Brian, a center who, though he doesn't belong in the pivot at 6'4", has been averaging better than 24 tallies a game. He is the closest PSAL to leading Larry Wilson of Boys. This high jumping Kangeroo is tallying 26 pg. Midwood plays the Kangeroos February 4, at the High's home court. With All City hopeful Eldridge Webb back in the lineup, Boys is still a contender. At the basketball games this year, both home and away, the Middie attendance has been excellent, and when number 12 is introduced, the crowd goes wild.

A fact which Mr. Fried pointed out, is that playmaker Johnny Mogulesqu was sidelined with a bad back. John missed the Boys, Erasmus, Tech, and Wingate contests. In both, the High and the Hall games, his absence was sadly noted. Mr. Fried believes that Johnny could have provided the winning margin in the Boys contest.

Now as the spring term arrives, so do the seasonal sports. Soon the baseball team will don their cleats and begin practice. The same is true of the golf team. The racqueteers will begin their defense of the PSAL championship. It should also be a headline year for the spring squads.

Exam Schedule

Here is the schedule of regents and city wide examinations for January 1964.

On Friday, January 24 city wide examinations will be given in Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, and bookkeeping 2 years.

Monday, January 27 will see the writing of the regents in Biology and American History and World Backgrounds. Regents will be given in Math while city wide examinations will be taken in Math 11th year, Merchandising 2 years and Stenography and Transcription.

On Tuesday January 28, a regents examination in English four years will be given as will city wide examinations in French, Spanish, and Hebrew 3 years.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What is the longest collegiate football winning streak and who holds it?
2. Who was the nation's leading basketball scorer in the college ranks?
3. What pro team drafted Ohio State flanker Paul Warfield?
4. Who was the M.V.P. in the Eastern regionals of the NCAA basketball tournament last year?
5. How many games has Warren Spahn won?

Answers

1. 47, Oklahoma; 2. Nick Werkman, Seton Hall; 3, Cleveland Browns; 4. Jeff Mullins, Duke; 5. 354.

Rifle Squad Wins Fourth

On Monday, January 13, the Midwood Riflery Team had a return match with Alexander Hamilton High. In their first encounter, the Riflemen lost to Hamilton by the slim margin of 4 points: 729-725. In their second meeting, the Middies went out to avenge the earlier defeat. They succeeded in doing so by winning the match 801-793.

So far this season the riflery team hasn't been quite up to par, with a 3-6 record, as compared to last season's 8-4 slate. However, the Riflemen have been shooting far better than their record seems to indicate; losing many hard-fought matches by a few points, as in the Hamilton match.

Andy Schoenbach, one of the two co-captains, has the highest score on the team this season with a 180 out of a possible 200. Richie Thorner, a senior, is the team captain and Bob Krieff is the other co-captain. They are strongly backed up by such sharpshooters as Jimmy Maxwell, Richard Gans, and two newcomers, Phil Sack and Neal Hellman.

The Riflemen hope to realize their potential as the season progresses.